## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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HIMELDA MENDEZ, and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

CALERES, INC. doing business as NATURALIZER,

Defendant.

19-CV-11184 (RA)

**ORDER** 

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

v.

This case has been assigned to me for all purposes. It is hereby:

ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the summons and complaint, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district's court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (i.e., within fortyfive (45) days of service of the summons and complaint), the parties must submit a joint letter requesting that the Court either (1) refer the case to mediation or a magistrate judge (and indicate a preference between the two options), or (2) schedule an initial status conference in the matter.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

December 12, 2019

New York, New York

Ronnie A

United States District Judge